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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

Please contact our priest ASAP after the birth of your child.

RECONCILIATION

Before or after Liturgy or by appointment

MARRIAGE

Couples must contact our priest six months before the wedding.

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THE SUNDAY OF THE PRIESTS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20 Adoration 4:00 p.m.; Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 Rosary at 9:30 a.m.; Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

GOSPEL

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LUKE 12:42-48 Vigilant and Faithful Servants



The Lord Jesus said: "Who then is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that slave

says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and if he begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and put him with the unfaithful. That slave who knew what his master wanted, but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded. This is the truth. Peace be with you.

EPISTLE

1 ТІМОТНУ 4:6-16 Виата ала d Сіата

Brothers and Sisters:

If you put these instructions before the brothers and sisters, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound teaching that you have followed. Have nothing to do with profane myths and old wives' tales. Train yourself in godliness, for, while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For *continued on page 3*

This week Father will pray the ANAPHORA OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES, beginning on page 754.

	Mass Intentions
•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	Saturday, January 20 at 4:30 p.m. For the repose of the soul of Morris Theeb Requested by Steven and Renee Marcus
•	Sunday, January 21 at 10:00 a.m. For the repose of the soul of Ray Lanthier Requested by Edisson and Kristene Chimbo
•	Saturday, January 27 at 4:30 p.m. For the repose of the soul of Francis Motuzick Requested by Lisa & Mike Soliani; Don & Sharon Newkirk; and Judith Theeb
••••••	Sunday, January 28 at 10:00 a.m. 40 Day Memorial for the repose of the soul of Elias Nemer Noujaim Requested by his brother Nassib and sister Toni
••••••	Saturday, February 3 at 4:30 p.m. For the repose of the soul of David Essa Requested by Renee and Deacon Steven
•	Sunday, February 4 at 10:00 a.m. For the repose of the soul of Angelo Silano Requested by his wife, Mireille
•	Saturday, February 10 at 4:30 p.m. For the repose of the soul of Nabih NeJaime Requested by Renee and Steven Marcus
•••••••	Sunday, February 11 at 10:00 a.m. For the repose of the soul of Youssef Macary, 25th Anniversary remembrance Requested by his wife
•••••	Monday, February 12 at 6:00 p.m. Ash Monday Available
•	Saturday, February 17 at 4:30 p.m. For Jorge and Celina Nejaime Requested by their daughters
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•	Saturday, February 24 at 4:30 p.m. For the repose of the soul of Charlie Nader Requested by his wife Dulcie and son Anthony
•	Sunday, February 25 at 10:00 a.m. Available

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CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of January 13/14 Saturday, January 6 Offering: 1st Collection \$368.00

Sunday, Janaury 7 Offering: 1st Collection **\$1125.00**

Mail In: **\$200.00**

Bingo: **\$797.00**

Thank You!

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

January 28

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United States Catholic Bishops' Worldwide Charities

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10 Liturgy & Dinner with Bishop Gregory!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Bishop Gregory will be with us to celebrate the feast of our patron, Saint Maron, on **Saturday Feb 10th**. He will celebrate the Divine Liturgy at 4:30 PM.

Immediately following the liturgy, please join us for a Lebanese dinner as we continue to rejoice in St. Maron's feast

Tickets for the dinner are \$20/person. Children under 10 are free.

To help us plan for the correct amount of food from the caterer, **please RSVP as soon as possible to <u>Office@saintmaronchurch.org</u> if you are planning on attending. It will be a wonderful dinner and time with our Bishop, so we hope to see you there!**

If yo may

If you have any palm branches at home, there is still time to return them to the back of the church so that they may be burned in preparation for Ash Monday. Thank you.

EPISTLE continued from page 1

to this end we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe. These are the things you must insist on and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers. Praise be to God always!



NABIH NEJAIME, 88, of Stockbridge, passed away peacefully Monday January 8th at Wingate Residence in Pittsfield.

Born April 29th, 1935, in view of the Cedars in Maasser-el-Chouf, Lebanon to the late Najeeb and Adele Nejaime, Nabih was educated in hospitality and the culinary arts and worked in the finest Beirut hotels. In the summer of

1955 Nabih met Marilyn when she visited the American University in Beirut. They married September 25th and moved to the U.S. on a trial basis that continued for the next 68 years.

In the Spring of 1964 Nabih and Marilyn moved their young family to Stockbridge for the first of many bold ventures, establishing Nejaime's Stockbridge Shop as a full-service family grocery store and twenty-two-year Main Street fixture, employing anyone willing to don an apron and work.

Other ventures included buying and growing Stockbridge Wine Cellar to three stores, establishing a large grocery store, a mini mall, and a large scale commercial bakery. Nabih's embrace of the American dream was evidenced by his tireless work ethic as well as his willingness to serve the community. His community service included leadership positions on the Berkshire Hills Regional School committee, Kiwanis, St. Joseph of Stockbridge and St. Ann of Lenox fund raising committees, the Stockbridge Republican Town Committee and the Berkshire County Republican Committee. Nabih also was a life-long member and past president of the Maasser Annual Reunion Association (M.A.R.A.)

Nabih is survived by his loving devoted wife of 68 years, Marilyn Nejaime, along with their 4 children, 11 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to M.A.R.A. c/o Hyatt Comporesi, 73 Highview Drive, Harwinton, CT 06791



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

Recently Catholic Online ran an article entitled *Five Biblical New Year's resolutions all Catholics Should Aspire To.* Since it is still January, the month of resolutions, I thought I would share some of those thoughts with you.

EDUCATE YOURSELF: Proverbs 1:5 says, Let the wise listen and learn yet more, and a person of discernment will acquire the art of guidance.

Educating yourself can mean you go back to school, delve deeper in Scripture or simply do a little research, to understand what is happening around the world and why. Understanding the world, even its horrors, can help you understand what you need to pray for. It may even open the door to a ministry you didn't even know you were meant to enter.

LEARN TO LISTEN: James 1:19 helps us understand what listening means. *Remember this, my dear brothers: everyone should be quick to listen but slow to speak and slow to human anger...*

Listening and patience go hand-in-hand. Learning to listen, rather than merely being present, can make a world of difference both to you and the people you talk to.

BE GENEROUS: 1 John 3:17 says, *If anyone is well-off in worldly possessions and sees his brother in need but closes his heart to him, how can the love of God be remaining in him?* Generosity is not limited to money! Remember, when we offer to help people pack for a move, practice for a speech, listen to their worries or feed the hungry, we are being generous and mirroring Christ's heart.

READ THE BIBLE: Recall Hebrews 4:12: The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts more incisively than any two-edged sword: it can seek out the place where soul is divided from spirit, or joints from marrow; it can pass judgment on secret emotions and thoughts.

The Scriptures are the word of God. We need to learn from them. When you read and study the Bible, you gain greater understanding and discernment - even to the point of catching yourself before falling into sin.

BE MORE LIKE JESUS In John 8:12, Jesus says, ... *I am the light of the world; anyone who follows me will not be walking in the dark, but will have the light of life.*

We are called to be a light to the world by following Christ's examples, all of which are clearly outlined in the Bible. Note that In learning about things before we speak, learning to listen, being generous and reading God's Word, we are acting like Jesus.

I pray that you have a blessed week ahead. Fr. Fadi

